

**REMARKS**

In the Official Action, the Examiner withdrew the restriction requirement concerning claims 7 and 8, rejected claims 3-6 on prior art grounds, but only objected to claim 7 (which defines a resin) and claim 8 (which defines an optical component composed of the resin) and indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejections set forth in the Official Action, in the sole interest of advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants have amended independent claim 5 to include the recitations of claim 7 and claim 6 from which claim 7 depended and have amended the dependency of claim 8 to claim 5. In addition, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to correspond the subject matter to the resin now defined in claim 5, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled and new claims 15 and 16 have been added to recite the same subject matter as claim 8, but dependent on claims 3 and 4, respectively.

Since all matters raised in the Official Action have been fully met by the instant Amendment, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Applicants also note that two new applications are being prepared claiming the benefit of the present application and will shortly be filed.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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